

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace on page 4, the third through fifth paragraphs with the following amended paragraphs:

In accordance with one aspect of the invention, structure 1 provides an ~~Structure 4:~~ An image forming apparatus wherein a flow path for cooling air is formed in a gap between a pair of plates which form a frame of the apparatus, and an imagewise exposure device is cooled by cooling air that flow through the flow path.

In accordance with another aspect of the invention, structure 2 provides ~~Structure 2:~~ The image forming apparatus according to ~~Structure 1~~ wherein a heat radiating fin provided on a frame for a polygon that houses a polygon motor of the exposure device is configured ~~provided~~ to be exposed to the flow path.

In accordance with another aspect of the invention, structure 3 provides an ~~Structure 3:~~ An image forming apparatus wherein a plurality of holes are formed on a plate, a part of the plural holes are selected by a hole selecting means and a flow path for cooling air is formed by the selected hole.

Please replace on page 5, the first through third paragraphs with the following amended paragraphs:

In accordance with still another aspect of the invention, structure 4 provides a ~~Structure 5:~~ The image forming apparatus according to ~~Structure 3~~ wherein the plate on which the plural holes are formed ~~constitutes~~ constituting a part of the framework of the apparatus.

In accordance with yet another aspect of the invention, structure 5 provides a
~~The image forming apparatus according to Structure 3 or Structure 4~~ wherein the plate on which the plural holes are formed is provided on each of the air introducing side and the air exhausting side of the cooling device, and the holes are selected by the hole selecting means to form a flow path for cooling air.

In accordance with still yet another aspect of the invention, structure 6 provides a
~~Structure 6:~~ A manufacturing method for an image forming apparatus to manufacture plural types of image forming apparatuses wherein one or more sheets of plates are incorporated in common on the plural types of image forming apparatuses, a plurality of holes are provided on the plate, and a part of the plural holes are selected for each type of apparatus to form a flow path for cooling air.